

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action of January 11, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as unpatentable over Takahashi (U.S. Patent No. 6,791,792). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as unpatentable over Takahashi. Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as unpatentable over Takahashi in view of Atobe et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,650,461). Claims 2 and 4 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 11-20 were allowed.

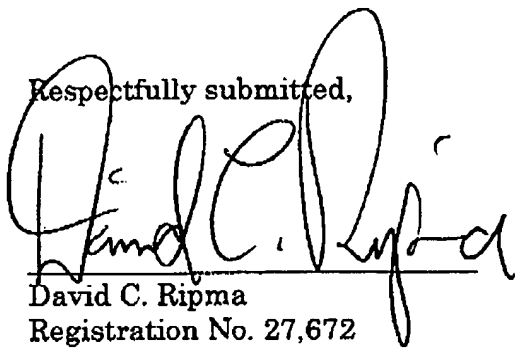
Applicants herein cancel rejected claims 1, 3, and 5-10. Claims 2 and 4 have been rewritten in independent form. Applicants submit that all claims remaining in the application have been indicated by the Examiner to be allowable or allowed and, accordingly, the application is in fully allowable form.

This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) requesting a one-month extension, together with a deposit account authorization for the fee therefore.

In view of the foregoing, applicants request reconsideration of the application, as amended, and request that it be passed to issue.

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